

Hassan: Our aim is 8% growth

AMMAN (JNA). — His Highness Crown Prince Hassan Saturday said that Jordan's aim is to achieve eight per cent growth in the national economy and to make a new start by 1980 through less dependence on direct foreign aid.

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Israel bars French minister

JERUSALEM, Jan. 29 (R). — French Industry Minister Michel d'Ornano's scheduled visit here on Feb. 7 has been postponed indefinitely for political reasons, government officials said tonight. Israel suggested the postponement because the political atmosphere between the two countries at present was not conducive to the visit, they said.

Sadat blames Soviet Union for troubles

Egyptian premier: Price rises signalled "zero hour" for plotters

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (R). — President Anwar Sadat today accused the Soviet Union of trying to incite class conflict in Egypt and said this time he would not bow down to terrorism.

He was addressing a meeting of trade union leaders on last week's savage food price riots which claimed 79 lives, hundreds of wounded and resulted in damage estimated at millions of Egyptian pounds (about same as sterling).

President Sadat said he thought the Soviet Union "had understood the lessons of the past, but they still believe in bloody class conflict... they do not understand social peace..."

"Nevertheless, we shall not reopen detention camps, impose sequestration or revert to undemocratic methods," he said.

President Sadat said Israel was claiming that because of the riots, the Egyptian people were not behind their president and therefore he would not be negotiating from a position of strength if he went to a reconvened Middle East peace conference in Geneva.

"These are stupidities," President Sadat declared. He urged the workers "to purge their ranks and not to allow renegades who take their orders from abroad to infiltrate their positions."

He warned Egyptians that they have four more difficult years to face, in their struggle to balance their ailing economy.

President Sadat said that the violent demonstrations of Jan. 18 and 19 were "an attempt to overthrow the regime, by spreading panic through the burning of Cairo."

"There was a time when the people felt they were threatened in their lives and property... should I take this quietly and

forgive, never," he said. He was replying to a speech made by the union leader of bank employees who asked the president to forgive about 2,000 people arrested on rioting, sabotage and destruction charges.

"I would betray the confidence invested in me by the people if I do so... there is no forgiveness in this matter at all," he said.

President Sadat stated that he will address the nation when investigations into the riots are complete.

"Our economy is not bankrupt but is exhausted," he added according to Egyptian Radio.

Earlier in the day, Egyptian Premier Mamdouh Salem had declared that the rioting in Egypt earlier this month "went beyond the framework of the economic measures that preceded them" and were the work of "plotters who used violence to seize power."

He named the leftwing Unionist Progressive Party as being involved and accused unspecified secret Communist organizations of preparing to strike out at a suitable moment.

The announcement of President Anwar Sadat's economic measures last week was "the zero hour they fixed to complete" the plot, he said.

"I hereby state it frankly," he told parliament in a report on the disturbances, which claimed 79 lives. "It was a naked conspiracy. The objective was to power through violence."

Prosecutor-General Ibrahim Qalyoubi said last night that 1,250 people had been arrested in connection with the riots. They included 200 accused of joining secret Communist organizations.

Mr. Salem charged that the plotters were aiming to overthrow the reforms instituted by President Anwar Sadat since May 1971 "to take us back to times of oppression, of emergency measures, of concentration camps, arrests and the torture of honest citizens."

The premier said Egypt had been "the target of criminal machinations which aimed to destroy our freedom of choice, to bring us back into military political and economic zones of influence, to stir up trouble once again in Egypt's relations with its Arab brothers."

He expressed "deep regret over the disgraceful involvement of the Unionist Progressive Party in this terrible crime."

The party, one of three created last year, has two seats in the 360-member parliament. It is led by Khaled Mohieddin, a former colleague of President Sadat in the Free Officers' Movement which, under the late President Nasser, toppled the monarchy in 1952.

The intention of the plotters, Mr. Salem stated, was to drive a wedge between Egypt and the Arab nations providing financial support for the "confrontation" states against Israel and between Egypt and the other "confrontation" states.

The gravest danger, Mr. Salem declared, was that Egypt might "lose sight of the close link between the subversive plot that was hatched against us and the political leaders -- both in Egypt and elsewhere in the world -- who want to see the crisis that is facing us prolonged: a situation of neither peace nor war, neither victory nor defeat, neither prosperity nor misery."

"They hope that we will be destroyed from within," the premier charged.



MAKING A POINT -- U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale, left, confers with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing at the Elysee Palace Saturday. Mr. Mondale, who arrived in Paris Friday, is to fly to Tokyo later in the day. (AP wirephoto).

Giscard gives Mondale Middle East peace message for Carter

PARIS, Jan. 29 (R). — U.S. Vice President Walter Mondale "Jay ended what he described as a highly successful five-nation European tour after discussing sensitive issues such as arms sales, nuclear proliferation and terrorism with French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing."

Mr. Mondale told a press conference he was carrying messages to President Jimmy Carter from the French leader dealing with Middle East peace prospects and landing rights for the Concorde supersonic airliner in New York.

On the projected economic summit, a central theme of Mr. Mondale's talks during his tour,

the vice president said M. Giscard d'Estaing differed from Mr. Carter's view that political questions should also be discussed.

"Giscard kept referring to the summit as an economic summit," Mr. Mondale said. "I indicated to him there may be political matters as well on the agenda. He heard that and we did not go further."

Mr. Mondale said he discussed with the president France's agreement to provide a nuclear fuel re-processing plant to Pakistan which would provide that country with plutonium -- which could be used to make nuclear weapons. He said M. Giscard d'Estaing agreed with the United States

desire to restrict the spread of nuclear arms and also its concern over booming sales of conventional weapons.

The American vice president said a multilateral approach to the problems by leading arms exporters, including the Soviet Union, was needed.

He declined to say whether he had raised with M. Giscard d'Estaing France's recent release of Palestinian guerrilla Abu Dawud, alleged mastermind of the Munich Olympics attack on Israeli athletes, but the two men did discuss international terrorism.

U.S. condemnation of the Abu Dawud release was strongly criticized by France. Mr. Mondale did not give details of the message on the Middle East he is taking back to President Carter.

The French president strongly pressed for Concorde to be granted permanent landing rights in the United States.

Mr. Mondale left here for Tokyo after his news conference. He said he would have talks with Icelandic Prime Minister Geir Hallgrimsson during a refueling stop in Keflavik tonight.

The vice president said he was extremely well received throughout his European tour and "our personal relations simply could not be better than they are today."

He met Belgian, Dutch, West German, Italian, British and French leaders as well as NATO and Common Market officials. All agreed to continue the fullest possible cooperation, he said.

Vance gives U.S. State Department a new spirit

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (R). — President Carter's administration has given a new face to America's dealings with the world after only a week in office.

Secretary of State Cyrus Vance has decisively implemented Mr. Carter's pledge of openness and honesty, not shrinking from putting the United States on record about subjects which, little more than a week ago, were diplomatically sidestepped.

The State Department has voluntarily commented on more issues in the past seven days than it usually did in a month when Dr. Henry Kissinger was in charge. The change has come from the top.

On his first day as secretary of state last Monday, Mr. Vance sent two messages to all State Department personnel.

The first ordered an immediate end to monitoring and recording telephone calls, a practice routinely followed by Dr. Kissinger. The second told foreign service officers: "I will rely heavily on your knowledge, your talents and your creativity."

It continued: "I recognize the equivalent need for me to make available to you, to the fullest extent possible, the information and analyses that I have before me. I want each of you to feel that sense of responsibility and participation that will make your work as effective as possible. In contrast, Dr. Kissinger

operated in a personal, secretive way. He allowed only his closest advisers to help make major policy decisions.

Mr. Vance is an organization man, prepared to delegate authority to specialists.

He will shortly name special negotiators to handle the Cyprus question, a position he himself held briefly in 1967, and strategic Arms Limitation (SALT) talks with the Soviet Union.

One of the first subjects tackled by the Vance State Department was that of human rights.

During the presidential campaign, Mr. Carter pledged his administration would press for greater respect of personal liberty in other countries. It would speak out forcefully against what it saw as violations of human rights, he said.

This week, the State Department criticized Czechoslovakia for harassing those who signed a petition demanding more political freedoms. It admonished the Soviet Union for attempts to intimidate dissident Andrei Sakharov.



His Majesty King Hussein bids farewell to Prince Hassan at Amman airport Saturday before he and Queen Ayla leave for Oman on a two-day private visit. They are accompanied by Princess Basma, Chief of the Royal Cabinet Sharif Abdul Hamid Sharaf and Court Minister Amer Khammash.

In a joint statement Spain, Syria welcome Naldheim's efforts to reconvene Geneva

AMASCUS, Jan. 29 (R). — Spain and Syria today urged the resumption of the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference and paid tribute to efforts in that direction by United Nations Secretary General Kurt Waldheim.

A joint statement on a visit here by Spanish Foreign Minister Marcelino Arera Aguerro so emphasized the desire of both countries that the Mediterranean be a zone of peace. The security of Europe was linked to the security of the Arab countries, the statement added.

Dr. Waldheim said in Washington yesterday there was a "new flexibility in the Middle East which he hoped would lead towards a negotiated peace settlement."

The secretary general was speaking to reporters after meeting Secretary of State Cyrus Vance. Dr. Waldheim leaves on Monday for a 10-day tour of the Middle East.

Dr. Waldheim said: "There's a new spirit in the area." He added that he hoped this flexibility would lead to a resumption of negotiations towards an overall peace settlement. He added that the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference would not be able to resume before at least late spring.

Senor Oreja arrived in Damascus on Thursday and left for Baghdad today. According to the statement,

Senor Oreja, who met President Hafez Assad and Syrian Foreign Minister Abdul Halim Khaddam, denounces the measures being taken by the Israeli authorities to obliterate the character of the occupied Arab territories, particularly Jerusalem.

Spain declared its support of the United Nations resolutions on the rights of the Palestinian people and joined Syria in upholding Lebanon's independence and territorial integrity, the statement added.

Both countries have agreed to develop their bilateral relations and cooperation in the fields of culture, information and tourism, the statement said.

Mr. Khaddam accepted an invitation to visit Spain at a later date.

Senor Oreja was quoted by the Iraqi News Agency on arrival in Baghdad as saying that he carried a message from King Juan Carlos to President Ahmad Hassan Al Bakr and another from Prime Minister Adolfo Suarez Gonzales to the Vice President of the Revolutionary Command Council, Mr. Saddam Hussein.

Baghdad Radio said Senor Oreja was on an official visit to Iraq that would last a few days.

Senor Suarez had planned to visit Syria, Iraq and Egypt but had to postpone his trip because of political events in Spain.



SAD TOUCH -- A Spanish army officer touches the hat of one of the three assassinated policemen as he follows the coffin at their funeral in Madrid Saturday. (AP wirephoto).

Spain harrassed by wave of political murders

MADRID, Jan. 29 (R). — Police used sweeping new powers to arrest more than 100 leftwing extremists today, following a wave of political murders.

A shadowy group named GRAPO -- which calls itself leftist but is officially suspected of being a guise for rightwing provocateurs -- meanwhile claimed responsibility for the murder of three Madrid policemen yesterday.

The policemen's funeral this afternoon produced tense scenes. Uniformed police insulted government officials, shouting "Franco, Franco," "Down with communism" and "Less democracy and more authority."

Bombs exploded in a dance hall and under three cars in the northern Basque country last night and early today. There were no injuries.

Responding to the outburst of political violence which has claimed 10 lives in a week, the government of Premier Adolfo Suarez last night gave the police broad powers of search and arrest.

Informed sources said today that 130 people, almost all of them members of extreme leftwing groups, had been arrested around the country, and an unknown number detained in Madrid.

In a note collected by reporters of a Madrid newspaper after a telephone tap, GRAPO said tonight it was behind the killing of two policemen and a para-military civil guard in Madrid banks yesterday.

The note threatened more violence by GRAPO -- the self-styled "First of October Front, of anti-Fascist Resistance," which is also holding a pair of abducted high-level civil and military officials and has demanded the release of Spain's political prisoners.

Official sources said that the group which killed the policemen yesterday appeared to be the same one which slew four Communist lawyers and a legal assistant in a machine-gun attack last Monday.

This lent weight to widely-voiced suspicions that GRAPO is not leftist, as it claims, but composed of or manipulated by rightists who want to stop Spain's progress towards democracy.

Lt. Gen. Carlos Fernandez Vallespin, Chief of the General Staff, told a conservative newspaper today that he thought the highly-professional killings and kidnappings were part of a premeditated plan to stop Spain's political evolution.

About 2,000 police and civil guards who gathered outside the military hospital where a funeral mass was being held for the three dead policemen today shook their fists at Interior Minister Rodolfo Martin Villa and called on him to resign, eyewitnesses said.

Kaunda: Rhodesian blacks have right to outside help

USAKA, Jan. 29 (Agencies). — President Kenneth Kaunda of Zambia declared here today that Rhodesia's African guerrilla movements have the right to seek foreign assistance, should South Africa intervene on the side of Rhodesian premier Ian Smith.

Officially opening the 28th session of the Organisation of African Unity Liberation Committee, the Zambian leader also said that Africa must be ready to use every means and cooperate with any forces in the world willing to help overthrow Rhodesia's white minority government.

The committee distributes aid to liberation groups and its deliberations are expected to center on ways of intensifying the guerrilla war in Rhodesia by providing more arms and wider training facilities for the Patriotic Front forces of Joshua Nkomo and Robert Mugabe.

Diplomatic and nationalist sources here interpreted Mr. Kaunda's reference to foreign aid for the black nationalist movement as a warning to South Africa, which might be considering coming to the aid of the Rhodesian government should the liberation war intensify.

Mr. Kaunda said: "Africa is prepared for a long and protracted armed struggle in Zimbabwe (Rhodesia). In this hard and bitter struggle Zimbabweans reserve their right to seek aid from any quarter.

"Africa must know that in the event of a real bloody racial war in Southern Africa, the West will not be counted on the side of the oppressed. We wish they would, but history shows that they will not," President Kaunda said.

Earlier, delegates observed a minute of silence in memory of Jason Moyo, a prominent Rhodesian nationalist who was assassinated in a parcel bomb blast a week ago.

Mr. Moyo was buried here today with full military honors and Zambia declared today a day of national mourning with flags flying at half mast.

During the burial ceremony in heavy rain, which was attended by a large crowd of African leaders, guerrillas and members of diplomatic corps, nationalist leader Joshua Nkomo called for more military support from the OAU and the socialist world.

Meanwhile, it was reported in Salisbury today that Rhodesia has introduced food supply controls in specific areas to prevent any falling into the hands of guerrillas.

The controls, taken under the government's emergency powers, apply particularly to deliveries in the operational zones, growing and storage of maize, and the sale of cattle.

The regulations also permit the authorities to seize any quantity of food not covered by security regulations.

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NEWS FOCUS

Rhodesia faces "invasion" by black nationalist army unless peace talks resume

By Rob Batford

SALISBURY, Jan. 29 (R). — While Britain's new initiative to solve the Rhodesian crisis appears to be getting bogged down in a morass of recriminations and accusations, the build-up for outright war is under way.

Unless positive steps are made towards a peaceful solution of the 11-year-old constitutional issue, an escalation of the guerrilla war within a very few months seems inevitable, say Rhodesian analysts.

A senior black nationalist, however, said it would not be merely a case of the present mainly rural guerrilla actions being extended into urban areas. It would be an "invasion" by a well-trained and well-equipped army, he said.

The nationalist, who declined to be named, said black troops, not only from Rhodesia but from several other African states, and armaments were being moved to Mozambique from Soviet-backed Somalia.

Mozambique, neighbouring Rhodesia, is the main base for two black Rhodesian guerrilla armies fighting against their country's white rulers.

An announcement that Rhodesia is tightening its military call-up regulations also illustrates the seriousness of the new situation following the government's rejection earlier this week of British settlement proposals.

Announcing the new call-up measures, Defence Minister Reginald Cowper said some army reserve units and territorial force battalions were 40 per cent under strength.

Exemptions and deferments from military service would be drastically reduced, he said.

Mr. Cowper also said there would be an announcement soon requiring men aged 38 to 50 to do service in special police and other non-combatant roles.

With the collapse of negotiations for a peaceful transfer of power to the black majority, there is more gloom in the Rhodesian capital than for many months.

Summing up disillusion among at least one part of the white electorate, opposition Centre Party leader Pat Bashford said:

"When you have two disputants as widely separated as the (governing) Rhodesian Front and the (nationalist) Patriotic Front, you need something more than diplomacy to bridge the gap."

The hasty departure from Salisbury of roving British diplomat Ivor Richard, after Rhodesian Prime Minister Ian Smith turned down his proposals, virtually ended the British diplomatic initiative.

But with so much at stake, observers believe new initiatives will be forthcoming when tempers have cooled.

Mr. Smith's outright rejection of the Richard plan, even as a negotiating basis, surprised many people.

Informed sources here say that it came about more because of the insistence of the leaders of his armed forces than because of the rightwing of his Rhodesian Front party.

The military chiefs said that the Rhodesian government would be handing over too much of its power to the British, who, they argued, under the Richard plan, were not firmly committed to remain if things went wrong.

Mr. Smith said in an address to the nation that the Kissinger and Richard proposals were "as different as chalk and cheese."

In his acceptance last September of a settlement plan proposed by the U.S. Secretary of State Henry Kissinger, Mr. Smith said that it was all or nothing. It was not open to negotiation.

However leading black nationalists opposed certain points at the subsequent Rhodesia conference in Geneva, and therefore — as far as Mr. Smith was concerned — the deal was off.

But one important factor in the equation for any future peaceful settlement is how much pressure can be brought to bear on Smith. During the negotiations with Dr. Kissinger, so effective was the pressure, of whatever kind, put on Mr. Smith that not only did he accept in total the Kissinger plan, providing for black rule within two years, but, he has since stated, the wording of his announcement was given to him by Dr. Kissinger.

Similar pressure may make Mr. Smith accept future proposals. Britain and the United States are known to want the Geneva conference to reconvene as quickly as possible but South African Prime Minister John Vorster has said he will not put pressure on Rhodesia to accept a settlement from outside.

The president of another opposition group, the Rhodesian Party, Mrs. Muriel Rosin, said: "I don't think we have reached the end of the road yet."

What was required, she said, was for Mr. Smith to hold an election among the country's black population so that the blacks could decide who they wanted to represent them in negotiations.

But Mrs. Rosin said the whole problem boiled down to one simple fact: "Black doesn't trust white and white doesn't trust black."

This was illustrated by a leading black figure, Mr. Sotanyi Katsere, an adviser at the Geneva conference to Mr. Joshua Nkomo, co-leader of the Patriotic Front.

Asked why the nationalists had rejected the Kissinger proposals for "lack majority rule

in two years, Mr. Katsere said: "Quite honestly we didn't see that happening. There would have been prevarication. The handover of real power by the whites would have been delayed indefinitely."

Mrs. Rosin also said that Rhodesians, both white and black, did not really trust British politicians.

"I think a new initiative by Cyrus Vance (the new U.S. Secretary of State) would be a good idea," she said.

Meanwhile, Rhodesia's economy is being heavily strained by the call-up demands to contain the guerrilla threat. Young men leave commercial and industrial sectors of society to spend several months each year in the defence forces.

"I don't think the economy can survive long," said Mrs. Rosin. "I don't think the terrorists will win any war, but in the end they could be economic victors."

Economic Viewpoint By Dr. Haitham Hurani

Long-run food policy for Jordan

I think one major responsibility of any government is to furnish the country with a sufficient volume of food supply for its people and at reasonable prices. Of course this function can be carried out through the private or the public sector, or by both sectors. The magnitude of this responsibility varies, in terms of its efforts and financial burdens, according to the agricultural and economic conditions of the country.

The task for Jordan's government is a little tough in this respect because the country is still unable to be self-sufficient in its food staple — wheat. Therefore, the government carries the responsibility of importing wheat. In doing so its main objective is to guarantee a sufficient supply of this food-stuff and to sell it at a reasonably low price.

These days, as the government to set up a long-range national strategy for food supply, I suggest that this sector be looked at in a broader view so as to include the major aspects which constitute this sector. Domestic wheat production, import wheat policy, market demand and pricing policy, storage and other facilities, are the significant elements of this vital sector. I am pleased to read that the government is focusing its attention on the long-run while trying to design national food policy. I believe this is a healthy atti-

tude and sound way of thinking. However, to do what is planned for requires much more than general discussions. It needs the launching of a comprehensive research programme to study every aspect of this sector, starting from the improvement of dryland wheat technology until the pricing is completed of both bread and agricultural inputs.

Jordan imports about two-third of its total requirements and depends on international organisations to supplement the supply with a considerable volume especially through UNRWA. We realise that this might not continue forever, so this means more imports if nothing is changed on the domestic supply front, and more financial burdens are laid on the shoulder of the government. Hence, increasing wheat production locally must receive a sufficient attention and adequate efforts from the government. But to do so we must encourage both sides of research — the agronomic and the economic sides of the problem. In the past most adequate of the research conducted was technical in nature but I think that to formulate a more feasible policy in the food sector the study of prices is crucial. Also to study the storage capacity of grain and the transport facilities are valuable requirements to make this research a comprehensive one and more useful or implementation.

Two-way street

U.N. Secretary General Kurt Waldheim hit the nail on the head the other day when he noted "a new spirit... more readiness to be flexible in the Middle East." Significantly enough, he made these remarks in Washington after a meeting with U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance, and one can assume that this "flexibility" was discussed during their talks. Both men will be making Middle East tours in the coming month, and one can also assume that they will seek to discover where this flexibility can be translated into practical progress on the Arab-Israeli negotiations front.

Mr. Waldheim's trip comes at the request of the General Assembly, and aims to reconvene the Geneva Middle East Peace Conference this spring. Mr. Vance's trip is a fact-finding voyage by which the Americans want to put their finger on the new pulse in the Middle East. Hopefully, both trips will help transmit the message to the world that there is indeed a new "flexibility" in the Arab World, something made all the more significant because it is backed up by an Arab political consensus of historic importance.

But the concept of flexibility should not be mistaken for the view that the Arabs are ready for peace at any price. What is clearly available today is not a definitive solution to the Arab-Israeli conflict, but rather a line-up of forces on the Arab side that makes the road to a negotiated settlement more discernible and more attractive. If Mr. Waldheim can see this, then there is the likelihood that Mr. Vance can also see it. The U.N. and the U.S. in themselves cannot bring about a Middle East peace, but they are both vital elements in setting the stage for peace talks. If they play their catalytic role with good intentions, they will certainly be able to bring the Arabs and the Israelis to the negotiating table, where any peace agreement will then be hammered out.

The flexibility that Mr. Waldheim sees relates to this first stage of laying the procedural groundwork for peace talks. But flexibility that goes unanswered by counter flexibility soon fades away. If the Arabs are being flexible, it is with the aim of meeting the Israelis half way on the road to peace talks. It is unrealistic to expect the Arabs to make concessions simply to impress the Americans or the U.N. secretary general or anyone else. And it is also unrealistic to expect the flexible Arab attitude to keep on getting more and more conciliatory without some response from the Israelis and the Western nations who keep Israel alive.

If this is appreciated by people such as Mr. Waldheim and Mr. Vance, then their visits to the Middle East will have a good chance of helping everyone make real progress towards reconvening the Geneva talks or whatever other path to peace is chosen by the involved parties. If the high-level foreign visitors who fly through the Middle East do not see flexibility as a two-way process, then they should not waste their time or many on purposeless voyages.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

Two of the Jordanian dailies Saturday commented once again on the Geneva Middle East peace conference, while the third discussed Israeli warnings to Syria following the entry of the Arab peace-keeping force into south Lebanon.

AL RA'I, under the heading "The available choice and the dangerous alternative," warns the Arabs against placing too much hope in the conference. If, for any reasons, it would fail — as the Geneva conference on Rhodesia, due to a unilateral decision like the one by racist Ian Smith — then the Arabs should be prepared to come up with an alternative for it.

But are the Arabs ready for that eventuality, and are they at all working for it? Every indication, so far, shows that they are not but that they consider the conference as their ultimate goal whereby their problems will be solved. The only adequate alternative, the paper says, resides in Arab solidarity and strength. If realised, the Arabs could pressure and force the other party at the conference to discuss and accept their proposals instead of standing by and allowing the opposite party to take the initiative in forcing the dangerous alternative.

AL DUSTOUR, under the heading "Vance rouses optimism," says that Mr. Vance's declaration to the U.S. Congress on Carter's policy towards the Middle East should weaken the Arabs from their lethargy and optimism and should make them understand that, whatever happens, U.S. policy towards Israel will not change. They should undertake a comprehensive reassessment of their own policies and priorities if they are truly intent on regaining their rights.

The road leading to peace is still strewn with difficulties,

the paper says, despite the decision to reconvene the Geneva Middle East peace conference. The Arabs, the paper adds, should look to what they can achieve in the future only through a delineation of the facts of the situation, for Mr. Vance, speaking on behalf of the new U.S. administration, confirms that America shall not bring pressure upon Israel to force it to give up concessions which, according to him, might harm Israel's security.

AL SHAB' discusses the Israeli warnings to Syria following the entry of the Arab peace-keeping force into south Lebanon and says that Arabs should seriously consider these threats since they aim at creating a state of tension in the area to cancel the positive results which the joint Arab political offensive has grafted on the Arab and international scene.

If Israel is reluctant to accept the mission of the Arab peace-keeping force in the whole of Lebanon and is ready, or manoeuvres, to obstruct it, then the Arabs should jointly act to counter such moves. They should, the paper says, cut short any Israeli attempt to seize this as an outlet for it to break the tight Arab boycott imposed on it.

The Arab peace-keeping force has gone into Lebanon in implementation of the Riyadh and Cairo summit's resolutions to bring back to that country order and stability. The success of its mission, therefore, depends on the backing of all the Arabs and not only Lebanon and Syria, which are directly involved. The removal of any obstacles in the way of the mission of the peace force is the only way to do that is for the Arabs to present a united front in the face of all eventualities, the paper concludes.

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VOICE OF AMERICA

08:00 The Breakfast Show:	18:30 Show Music USA
News	14:30 News and Topical Reports
to the hour and 28 min. after each hour.	19:15 New Horizons
06:30 News and New Products USA	19:30 Studio One
17:15 Critics Choice	20:00 Special English, News, Words and their Stories
18:00 Issues in the News	20:15 The Concert Hall
Special English, News, Words and their Stories	21:00 News and New Products USA
18:00 News, Feature: People in America, News Summary.	21:15 Critics Choice
	21:30 Issues in the News

BBC RADIO

05:00 News; Press Review	13:45 Saudi Jones Requests
05:15 New Ideas	14:30 Comedy Playhouse
05:25 Book Choice	15:00 Radio Newsreel
05:30 The King's Singers	15:15 Symphony
05:45 Letter from America	16:00 News; Commentary
06:00 News; Press Review	16:15 Our own correspondent
06:30 Sarah Ward Requests	16:40 The Week in Wales
07:00 News	16:45 Youth by Joseph Conrad
07:15 Our own correspondent	17:00 News
07:30 The King's Singers	17:09 What Future for Nuclear Energy
07:45 As I See It	17:40 Book Choice
07:55 Book Choice	17:45 SportsCall
08:00 News; Reflections	18:00 News
08:15 World Radio Club	18:15 Radio Newsreel
08:30 The Pleasure's Yours	18:30 My Kind of Music
09:00 News; Press Review	19:00 Radio Theatre
09:15 From the Weeklies	19:45 News; Commentary
09:30 New Ideas	20:15 Letterbox
09:45 Sports Review	20:30 Sunday Half-Hour
10:15 One Piano, Four Hands	21:00 Theatre Call
10:30 Sunday Service	21:15 Europa
11:00 News	21:30 Jazz Club
11:15 Our own correspondent	22:00 News
11:30 Theatre of the Air	22:39 Our own correspondent
13:00 News; Commentary	22:35 Letter from London
13:15 Letter from America	22:45 SportsCall
13:30 World Service Short Story	23:00 World News; Commentary

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NATIONAL NOTES

AMMAN. — His Majesty King Hussein, Saturday delegated the Chief Chamberlain, H.H. Prince Ra'd Ibn Zeid, to present his condolences to the Khashman family on the death of former member of parliament, Mr. Mohammad Al Khashman.

AMMAN. — The Speaker of the Upper House of Parliament, Mr. Bahjat Talhoumi Saturday received the Moroccan Ambassador to Jordan, Mr. Mohammad Al Gharbi.

AMMAN. — The Minister of Education, Dr. Abdul Salam Al Majali, received the Egyptian ambassador to Jordan.

AMMAN. — The Minister of Communications, Mr. Abdul Ra'ouf Al Rawabdeh, Saturday received the Chilean ambassador to Jordan.

AMMAN. — The Minister of Interior, Mr. Suleiman Arar Saturday paid a visit to the Civil Defence Department to look over its activities and inspect its various sections.

AMMAN. — The Ministry of Agriculture Saturday decided to provide Saudi Arabia with 100,000 tree saplings and 35,000 others to Qatar in addition to the 30,000 it gave that country last month.

AMMAN. — The Belgian economic and commercial delegation Saturday morning left here for Brussels at the end of a week-long visit during which it discussed the possi-

lity of Belgian participation in Jordanian development projects.

PARIS. — The Counsellor at the Jordanian Embassy here, Mr. Khaled Obeidat, Saturday gave a lecture in French on the political role of Jordan during the reign of late King Abdullah, at the Sorbonne University. The lecture was attended by many Arab students in Paris.

AMMAN. — The President of the University of Jordan, Dr. Ishaq Farhan Saturday morning left for the United States at the invitation of Washington State University.



Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim receives Romanian Foreign Minister, George Macovescu, at his office Saturday. (JNA photo).

Romanian F.M., Ibrahim hold talks

AMMAN (JNA). — Romanian Foreign Minister George Macovescu Saturday had talks with the Minister of State for Foreign Affairs, Mr. Hassan Ibrahim, on bilateral relations, the Middle East situation and the

5 hashish dealers sentenced

AMMAN (JNA). — The general military governor has approved the sentences passed by the court-martial on two Jordanian citizens — a man and a woman, a Saudi and two Lebanese persons for using and/or selling narcotics (mainly hashish) and for the possession of unlicensed weapons.

The Saudi and another three Jordanians were found guilty of offering and accepting bribes.

The sentences passed by the court-martial ranged between a fine of JD 500 dinars up to 15 years of hard-labour in prison.

adjourned Geneva Middle East peace conference.

The two ministers had met here for one hour and a half during Mr. Macovescu's stop-over on his way home from Karachi.

In a statement to the press, Mr. Macovescu told reporters that he also discussed ways of strengthening Jordanian-Romanian cooperation and praised the existing relations between the two countries. He hoped for their development, in particular, he said since the joint Jordanian Romanian committees are holding periodic meetings to discuss the subject.

Referring to his visit to Pakistan, Mr. Macovescu said that he discussed Romanian-Pakistani relations with top Pakistani officials.

Jbeiha housing project starts

AMMAN (JNA). — The Housing Corporation Saturday morning signed an agreement with a local company which has undertaken to implement Al Jbeiha Housing Project. This project comes within the five-year plan of the corporation and will include 14 buildings of six apartments each.

The cost of the project is estimated at JD 750,000 including utilities. Work on this project will begin within a month of signing the agreement and will last for twenty months.

A special factory will be set up to prepare prefabricated walls and roofs to construct the new buildings, Mr. Hamdallah Al Nabulsi, the Director General of the Housing Corporation, said.

The employees of the University of Jordan, the Housing Corporation and the Royal Scientific Society will benefit from these apartments, he added.

The agreement was signed by Mr. Al Nabulsi for the corporation and by the manager of the company which has been awarded the tender.

JORDAN, PHILIPPINES START AVIATION TALKS

AMMAN (JNA). — Civil Aviation talks Saturday morning started between Jordan and the Philippines at the Flying Carpet.

The Jordanian side to the talks included the Director of the Civil Aviation Department, Sharif Ghazi Rakan, and officials from the department as

well as from Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airlines.

The Philippines delegation arrived here Thursday evening.

Exports 22m. imports 3m. for Sept. 76

AMMAN (JNA). — Jordan's exports totalled about JD 22 million during September, 1976, while its imports for the same month reached about JD 22 million.



His Highness Prince Abdallah, His Majesty's eldest son, celebrates his 15th birthday today. Before going abroad to pursue his studies, the prince completed elementary and preparatory education at the Islamic Scientific College in Amman beginning 1962. In 1971, joined a military training course at the Royal Artillery Arm. Prince Abdallah's hobbies are reading, sports and collecting stamps.

Exchange Rates

Following are the official exchange rates in effect at the start of today's business day, as set by the Central Bank of Jordan.

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Auto age poses problems for inexperienced Muscovites

MOSCOW, (CSM) — The onslaught of jaunty new Zhiguli, Moskvitch, Volga and other cars on the Soviet Union -- the auto age, Western-style -- is causing new concern here.

Although traffic jams are still rarer and congestion generally lighter than in the West, so many new cars (1.2 million a year) are zipping up and down city streets that officials are looking to the West for ways to cut down congestion, and to lower accident and pollution rates.

Here in Moscow, where traffic is thickening noticeably, a fresh set of plans has been announced to come to grips with it.

They include such novelties (for Moscow) as computer-controlled traffic lights, pedestrian buttons at intersections, new plastic traffic lights with enlarged lenses, restricting trucks downtown from 7 a.m. to 3 p.m., and parking lots with hourly fees on roads leading into the city centre.

One intriguing note: According to Jan. 12 edition of the government newspaper Izvestia, another kind of traffic light is to be added for trams and buses. The colour will be "moonlight" -- presumably a pale yellow.

Pedestrian buttons already have been installed on some Moscow side streets. Traffic lights above them turn orange as soon as the button is pushed.

"It's fun", says one Muscovite who has tried them. "You see a car coming fast, then you push the button, and he skids to a stop."

And you cross -- nonchalantly. But although the sign by the button clearly says "push if you want to cross," relatively few people have used the system so far. "They don't seem to understand what it's about," says one pedestrian.

The latest moves, revealed in an Izvestia interview with the chief of Moscow's traffic police, militia Maj. Gen. Alexei Nozdraykov, follow a battery of others in recent years to keep traffic under control.

A speed limit of 60 kilometres per hour is in force in Soviet cities. Seat belts have been mandatory in new cars since 1975. All applicants for driving licenses are supposed to have had driver instruction courses -- an important provision in a land with no long tradition of automobiles and where driving is too often affected by vodka and inexperience.

Publicity about the need for more road safety is frequent. Maj. Gen. Nozdraykov says road fatalities in Moscow in 1976 were down 3.7 per cent from the year before. He said the accident rate has gone down from 17.7 to 13.9 per 1,000 vehicles in the last five years.

Precise totals are unavailable. But on the basis of an estimated 300,000 cars in Moscow, this works out to 4,170 accidents last year -- a 30 per

cent improvement from the 6,000 officially reported for Moscow for 1973.

But the accident rate remains high across the country. The New York Times correspondent Hedrick Smith, a former Moscow bureau chief, says in his book "The Russians" that he was told that in 1974, the Soviet Union had almost the same number of accidents (45,000) as the United States (46,200) although it had far fewer cars. Mr. Smith also reports the fatality rate was 10 times higher here.

In an effort to make up for the lack of an automobile tradition here, officials have set up traffic safety programmes for children, including at least one miniature "motor city" in

Moscow where children learn the rules in simulated conditions.

Yet much remains to be done. The new plans announced for Moscow (which may spread to other cities if successful) should help, but they will take several years to get underway. Some streets already have computer-operated traffic lights; five more are to have them by 1980.

Regulating trucks will be a major job. The plan is to issue one-time or permanent passes for the downtown area. A recent survey surprised city officials by showing that one-third of the 6-7,000 trucks downtown every day are empty or half-filled -- and another 10 per cent are in transit to somewhere else.

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ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) Good day to gather information you need at the right sources. Then contact good friends and have a good time. Watch your reputation.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Elevate your consciousness so that you can command more of the world's goods in the future. Meet with one who understands finances and get good advice you need. Avoid bickering.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) You understand how to gain your personal aims more quickly now and should take the right steps early in the day. Contact good friends you have not seen in a long time. Something fine can come of this.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 12) Meditate and know better what should be done to get ahead faster in the future. Try to be with a loved one more also, and come to a better agreement. Avoid spending money foolishly.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Good day to socialize and make the right contacts that can bring benefits your way. Make new plans for the days ahead. Know what is most important to you and go after such positively.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) Getting into some civic work that brings you more prestige is wise today. Anything of a charitable nature is also good. Try to be with family in the evening and be happy.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Study into ways to advance and grow on today and improve the structure of your life. Make travel plans in the near future.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) Your hunches are fine today so be sure to follow them for good results in dealing with others. Iron out any problems you may have with a loved one but do it in a wise manner.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Know what it is that others expect of you and try to cooperate more with them. Coordinate your efforts. Avoid one who is always asking for favors and could repay you in a strange way.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Complete work with the help of others and gain respect you need. Use care in motion. Make this an active day and accomplish much.

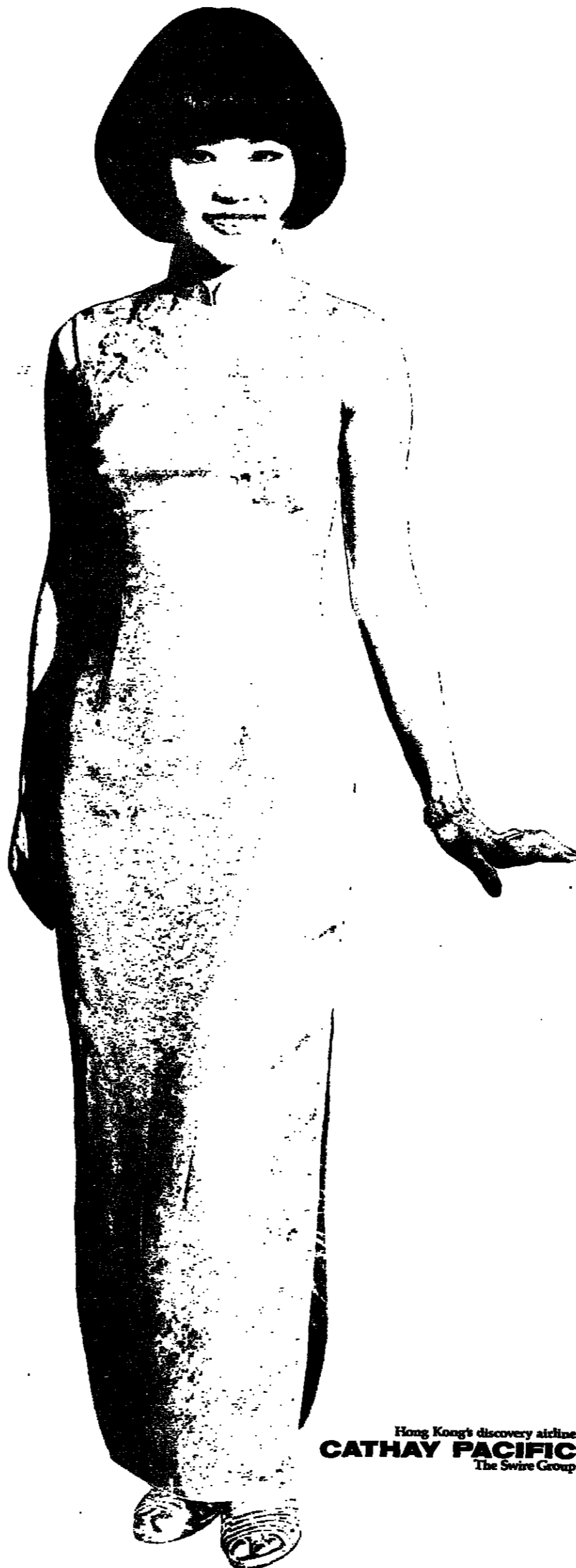
AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) Do whatever will convince close ties that you are devoted and go along with their ideas more. They are creative and should be put to good use. Avoid a hypocrite.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) Take time to make home life more charming and harmonious with those dwelling therein. Invite relatives into your home who could be of help to you.

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GOREN BRIDGE

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Q.1—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠AK108 ♥K98 ♦AJ10 ♣954
Your partner opens the bidding with one no trump. What do you respond?

A.—Four no trump. This is not Blackwood but an invitational raise. You have a balanced 15 points with two tens and other useful intermediates. You want partner to bid a small slam if he has a maximum no trump.

Q.2—Both vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠A8 ♥AQJ10532 ♦QJ7 ♣43
The bidding has proceeded: South West North East
1♣ Pass 1♦ Pass
2♥ Pass 2NT Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—Four hearts. While you are minimum in terms of point count, you have exceptional playing strength—seven sure tricks in your own hand. Partner has shown interest in hearts and you should go ahead and accept. Don't bid three hearts—that is not forcing; indeed, it discourages partner from bidding on.

Q.3—East-West vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠J852 ♥7 Q88 ♣KQJ542
The bidding has proceeded: South West North East
Pass 1♣ Pass 1NT
Pass 2♦ Double Pass

What action do you take?
A.—Bid four clubs. Partner's first-round pass suggests that he could not set then because he had strength in spades and shortness in diamonds with length in hearts and clubs. Now that your opponents have found their diamond suit, he has come into the act. Your hand should offer excellent trick-taking prospects opposite his holding, and you should indicate that with a jump.

Q.4—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠93 ♦QJ107642 ♣KQJ83
Your partner opens the bidding with one heart. What do you respond?

A.—With 7 points in high cards you are duty bound to keep the bidding open, but you don't have the strength to bid at the two-level. Despite your freak distribution, one no trump is your only bid.

Naturally, if partner rebids his hearts and gets doubled, or the opponents suggest in no certain terms that you cannot make a no trump contract (by doubling, of course), you intend a judicious retreat to your longer minor.

Q.5—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠K8 ♥K95 ♦953 ♣J9852
Partner opens the bidding with one club. What do you respond?

A.—One no trump. The hand is a mite too strong for a raise to two clubs. Most play a response of one no trump to a one club opening bid shows 9-11 points and with your balanced shape that is the most descriptive bid. Even if your range is 6-9 or 10, your hand still qualifies.

Q.6—As South, vulnerable, you hold:
♠87 ♥Q7 ♦A83 ♣KJ10762

The bidding has proceeded: West North East South
Pass 1♣ 3♦ ?
What action do you take?
A.—East's preempt has accomplished its purpose—the auction has been catapulted to a level where orderly investigation of the prospects is impossible. We sympathize if you

decided to raise to four clubs, but it seems to us that you have a better shot for nine tricks than eleven. We would take our chances at three no trump, hoping that partner can cover us in the majors—his values certainly aren't in the minors.

Q.7—Neither vulnerable, as South you hold:
♠Q92 ♥AK ♦98652 ♣QJ7
The bidding has proceeded: South West North East
Pass Pass 1♦ Pass

What do you bid now?
A.—Two no trump. A jump to two no trump by a passed hand shows 11-12 points. We would not fault you greatly if, on the strength of your fifth diamond, you chose to jump to

the no trump game, but we feel that would be hanging partner unnecessarily, if he opened light in third seat.

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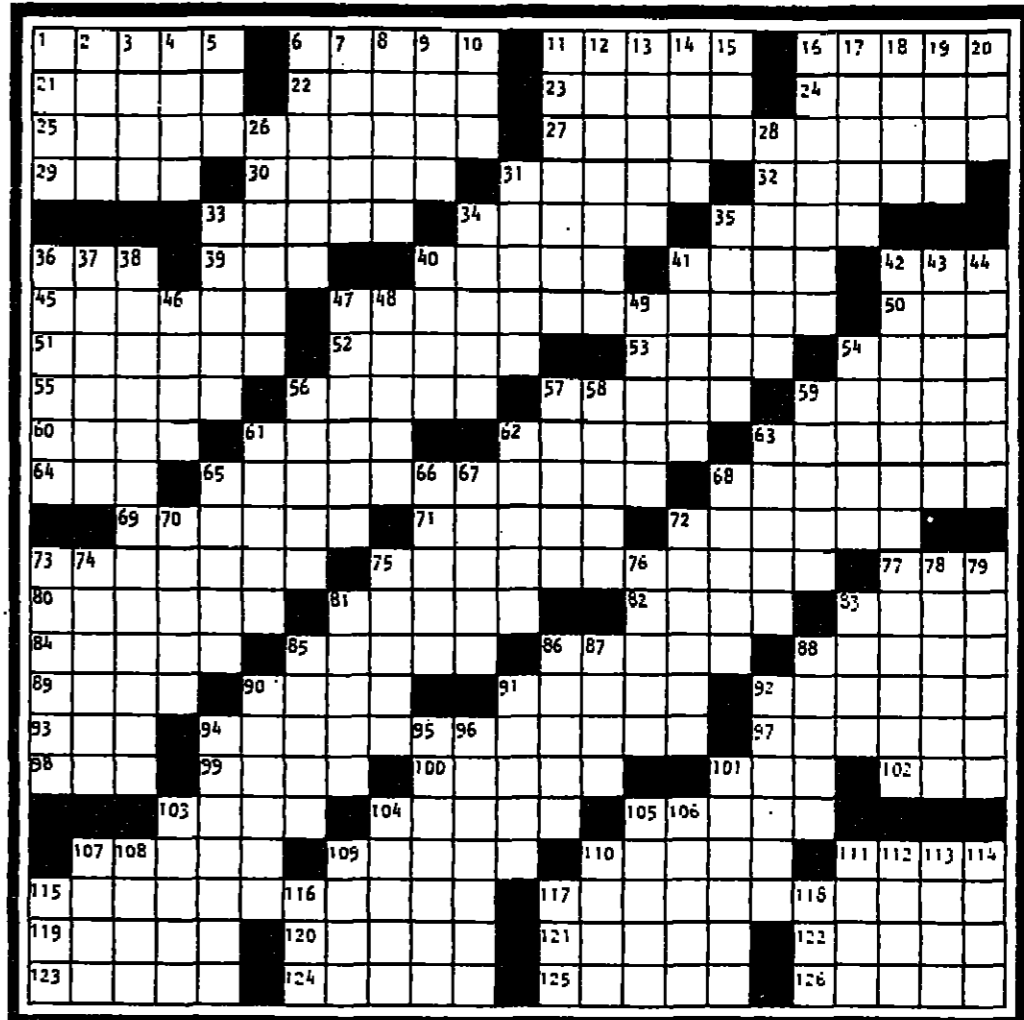
Rockford files: pastoria prime pick
Jim Rockford, falsely accused of a number of misdemeanors in a strange town, succeeds to convince judge of his innocence.

FOREIGN IMPORTS

By Alfio Mieri

- ACROSS**
- 1 Floral arrangement
 - 6 Sp. commune items
 - 11 Medieval guild
 - 21 Rubenstein's instrument
 - 22 Gems
 - 23 Abstract beings
 - 24 Derived, from oil
 - 25 Kayak
 - 27 "A votre santé!"
 - 29 Asian weight
 - 30 Unclear
 - 31 Widen
 - 32 Town near Salerno
 - 33 Bothersome ones
 - 34 -- to Live"
 - 35 -- Spee
 - 36 South Fr.
 - 39 Hgt.
 - 40 Hit, old style
 - 41 Dill, old style
 - 42 Chill
 - 45 Cigak
 - 47 Obi
 - 50 King's home, abbr.
 - 51 Swallow
 - 52 Tinting
 - 53 Light
 - 54 Camper's item
 - 55 Postpone
 - 56 Gives forth
 - 57 Strings
 - 58 Daphnis and
 - 60 Protection
 - 61 Uninteresting
 - 62 Winged
 - 63 Poncho
 - 64 Fr. pronoun
 - 65 Sauna
 - 66 UNESCO, for one
 - 69 Protagonists
 - 71 Thomas or Clement
 - 72 Let up
 - 73 Roof beams
 - 75 "Parfait"
 - 77 Govt. agcy.
 - 80 Dazzling effects
 - 81 Light wood
 - 82 Heavy drinkers
 - 83 Adjective ending
 - 84 Master strokes
 - 85 Ruffian
 - 86 Small towns
 - 88 Gland: comb. form
 - 89 Comedian
 - 90 Amphibian
 - 91 Mountain nest
 - 92 Pay a call
 - 93 Compass reading
 - 94 Trepak
 - 97 Under the weather
 - 98 Watercraft: abbr.
 - 99 Slaughterer
 - 100 Composer Taylor
 - 101 Building wing
 - 102 These: Fr
 - 103 Twirl
 - 104 Race tracks
 - 105 Personality item
 - 107 Of certain bones
 - 109 Declaim
 - 110 Child: Scot.
 - 111 Medley
 - 117 Karakul
 - 118 Hombro
 - 120 Templeton and Guinness
 - 121 Ger. city
 - 122 Wed in secret
 - 123 Lock
 - 124 Ait
 - 125 Wound
 - 126 Talkative

- DOWN**
- 1 Barracuda
 - 2 City on the Arno
 - 3 Libertine
 - 4 Indigo
 - 5 Kippur
 - 6 "Day of the --"
 - 7 Certain museum fare
 - 8 Grades
 - 9 Surfait
 - 10 Gyn't mother
 - 11 Puncture
 - 12 Irritates
 - 13 Cubic meter
 - 14 Cattle, to poets
 - 15 Pouchy
 - 16 Steamy relaxer
 - 17 Snobbish
 - 18 Actress
 - 19 Sp. assent
 - 20 Perform
 - 26 Spanish or Western
 - 28 Dissent of a kind
 - 31 Facade
 - 33 Tremor
 - 34 Pile up
 - 35 Growls
 - 36 Chemical compounds
 - 37 Riding academy
 - 38 Recorders
 - 40 Land's end
 - 41 Stage whisper
 - 42 Edda
 - 43 Overhead covering
 - 44 Regard
 - 46 Socials
 - 47 Java plums
 - 48 Suspect's need
 - 49 Planet
 - 54 Pang
 - 56 Sea birds
 - 57 Barton or Bow
 - 58 Of a grain
 - 59 Magna --
 - 61 Designer Christian and family
 - 62 Large snake
 - 63 Fight results
 - 65 Worries
 - 66 Refine metal
 - 67 Roan
 - 9 Hornet
 - 16 Leaping fish
 - 17 Robt. --
 - 18 Place of refuge
 - 19 Harden
 - 20 Wholely
 - 21 La -- iopera house!
 - 22 Wine
 - 23 Mimic
 - 25 Texas sobriquet
 - 28 Basketball player
 - 30 Certain three minutes
 - 33 Indian wives
 - 34 Floating on air
 - 35 Cowboy gear
 - 37 Sub s defense
 - 38 -- in one's bonnet
 - 42 Show a horn
 - 44 Shoulder decoration
 - 50 "Jew of --"
 - 52 Omit a syllable
 - 53 Of sound
 - 54 Drenched
 - 55 Sword
 - 56 Fork prong
 - 58 Small piece
 - 59 Pub



- 17 X 17, by Michael Priestley**
- ACROSS**
- 1 Mohammedan judge
 - 5 Ready money
 - 9 Irrigate
 - 10 Stir up
 - 11 Soap plant
 - 12 -- old cowhand"
 - 13 Mailed
 - 14 Novel
 - 15 Gratify
 - 18 Embattlement
 - 21 Subway stop: abbr
 - 24 -- in the Family"
 - 26 Bancroft of films
 - 27 Policeman
 - 28 Egyptian queen, for short
 - 29 Horsefeathers!
 - 30 Pleasure seeker
 - 31 So be it
 - 32 Dernier --
 - 33 Plexus or system
 - 34 Jason's ship
 - 36 Chemical compound
 - 38 Pier
 - 39 Strange
 - 40 Fr. penny
 - 41 Vingt --
 - 43 Wild pig
 - 44 Lab burner
 - 45 Onus
 - 46 Small lizard
 - 47 Former TV host
 - 48 Sound of excitement
 - 49 Gr. letter
 - 50 Wed
 - 51 Fly
 - 56 Gr. letter
 - 57 Chicago section
 - 58 Herb
 - 59 Alcoholic spree
 - 60 Poker stake
 - 61 Saw
 - 62 "The -- Generation"
 - 63 Depend DOWN
 - 1 Ship of the desert
 - 2 Make amends
 - 3 River mouth
 - 4 Cholera
 - 5 Shakes with fear
 - 6 Ms. Anouk salad
 - 7 Cabbage
 - 8 Clucking one
 - 9 Hornet
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CRYPTOGRAMS

- CTLB LTF LWJB DIF CWZB DI KZWJB KIF. —By Earl Ireland
- TX'YY ZGVXYJ AHIX ZUYHV XOXVQJ TAXO ZUPXUOX KXIWZZXZ H THJ NUV UWY LUPEHOWXZ BU QXB H KXEYXBWUO HYYUTHOLX NUV BAX ZGO. —By Mary Anne B. Van Duynne
- HINDDCPD JCDEWRM OPS. KOPUNCHERS JAR SCS PAW EOKR RUNOI MCDEWH. —By Rose Santora
- OELSMOKE TOSTL ESMOK OEL. —By Lois H. Jones

Last Week's Cryptograms

- Wonderfully nice guileless guy was found guilty of being absolutely sincere.
- Monkeys imitate people: perhaps they'd do better to bank on other models.
- Black cats, ladders, thirteen at table do not scare the kids.
- Teen entered dented red tent.

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Gandhi opens her election campaign; attacks rivals

NEW DELHI, Jan. 29 (R). — Prime Minister Indira Gandhi today opened her campaign for India's March general elections, just ahead of the newly-formed opposition alliance Janata which plans to introduce its programme tomorrow.

Janata spokesmen said that speeches tomorrow in six major cities by leaders of the party would indicate the thrust and direction of its manifesto, which is to be published early next week.

The party, which combines the Jan Sangh, the Indian People's Party, Socialist Party and Opposition Congress, is banking on large crowds turning out to the first rallies the opposition has legally been able to hold since June, 1975.

Former Deputy Prime Minister Morarji Desai, who spent those 19 months in detention, will head the New Delhi rally while the veteran Gandhian reformer Jayaprakash Narayan, who was also arrested under the emergency, will address crowds in his hometown of Patna in Bihar.

Other major rallies will be held in Bombay, Calcutta, Kanpur in Uttar Pradesh and Jaipur in Rajasthan.

Mrs. Gandhi and her son

Sanjay, head of the youth wing of the ruling Congress Party, which has never lost a general election, opened their campaign with speeches critical of the opposition.

Mrs. Gandhi told a large gathering of teachers, textile workers and youth Congress members outside her house here that some people had construed the meaning of politics as rumour-mongering and making baseless allegations, thereby lowering the standards of public life. Political freedom did not mean licence, she added.

Mrs. Gandhi, 30, told a public meeting in the Orissa state capital of Bhubaneswar that opposition parties were fighting shy of the challenges of the election.

After demanding the polls for many months, they were now claiming they were not prepared and wanted more time, he said.

Yesterday seven leading Janata members urged Mrs. Gandhi to speed up release of their party workers and to lift the state of internal emergency in the country. Opposition sources said about 10,000 Janata supporters were still in custody.

Greek, Turkish F.M.s discuss Cyprus, Aegean

STRASBOURG, France, Jan. 29 (R). — The Greek and Turkish foreign ministers met privately for talks at a Strasbourg hotel today and discussed the brighter prospects for a solution to the Cyprus problem.

In a joint statement after the talks, which included other bilateral topics, the ministers expressed satisfaction at Thursday's meeting in Nicosia between President Makarios and the Turkish Cypriot leader, Mr. Rauf Denktas.

"They expressed the hope that the resumption of negotiations between the two communities would lead to a just and equitable solution," the statement added.

Turkish Minister Ihsan Caglayangli told newsmen: "Our talks were very positive and promising and took place in a good atmosphere, opening up encouraging prospects for the future."

His Greek counterpart, Mr. Dimitrios Bizios, said their talks, coming on top of the

Nicosia meeting, raised hopes for a speeding up of the process of contacts on the divided island which should lead to an acceptable solution of the Cyprus problem.

The two ministers have been in Strasbourg since mid-week to attend Thursday's ministerial meeting of the Council of Europe and the inauguration yesterday by French President Valery Giscard d'Estaing of the new Palace of Europe.

According to the communiqué, the two men also discussed the Greco-Turkish disputes over their respective continental shelves and over control of the air space over the Aegean Sea. Negotiations on the continental shelf question are due to open in London on Monday, the communiqué said.

As for the air space issue, the ministers stressed their willingness to reach a satisfactory solution as quickly as possible, and announced that diplomatic contacts on this point would continue.

D'Estaing-Chirac row bursts open

PARIS, Jan. 29 (R). — A row between President Valery Giscard d'Estaing and his former Premier Jacques Chirac finally burst into the open last night, deepening France's government crisis.

M. Giscard d'Estaing's office curtly announced the president had withdrawn an invitation to M. Chirac, leader of the R.P.R. Gaullist Party, to visit the Elysee Palace because of his avowed determination to campaign to become the new mayor of Paris.

M. Chirac, whose revitalised Gaullist movement is the biggest component of the government coalition, caused consternation last week when he suddenly announced his candidature for the influential Pa-

ris job in the March elections. He split government ranks because Industry Minister Michel d'Ornano, a member of M. Giscard d'Estaing's Independent Republican Party, had already been designated the official candidate of the ruling parties.

M. Giscard d'Estaing roundly condemned the disarray in the government at Wednesday's cabinet meeting, implicitly blaming M. Chirac and calling on Prime Minister Raymond Barre to clear up the mess.

M. Barre invited the two candidates to meet him. M. d'Ornano faithfully appeared -- and offered to withdraw in favour of a compromise candidate -- but M. Chirac remained haughtily aloof.

ECONOMIC NEWS BRIEFS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 29 (R). — The index of leading indicators -- a collection of statistics designed to forecast broad movements in the American economy -- rose for the third consecutive month in December, the Commerce Department reported yesterday. The 1.0 per cent rise in December was the biggest in 18 months. It followed increases of one per cent and 0.6 per cent in the two previous months.

CAIRO, Jan. 29 (AFP). — Arab oil countries only have granted six thousands of their annual revenue to Egypt to cover its losses in the 1967 and 1973 wars with Israel, the Cairo newspaper Akhbar Al Youm complained today. It said other Arab countries have accorded \$4,625 million in financial aid in the last ten years, but that this only covered 11 per cent of Egypt's losses during that period.

TOKYO, Jan. 29 (AFP). — Libya will contribute \$50,000 to the endowment fund of the United Nations University for 1977. Dr. James Hester, director of the university, announced today. This is Libya's second contribution of \$50,000 to the U.N. University. The U.N. University, with headquarters located in Tokyo, is a world-wide network of research and advanced training centres and associated institutions and activities.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (R). — New York's banks and trade unions appear to have avoided a row that threatened to wreck complex plans to save the city from bankruptcy. But Mr. Felix Rohatyn, Chairman of the Municipal Assistance Corporation (MAC) which is overseeing the city's economic recovery, warned yesterday that New York's financial situation had become "as scary as August 1975" -- the month it narrowly averted bankruptcy.

JAKARTA, Jan. 29 (R). — President Suharto today inaugurated Indonesia's biggest oil depot worth \$60 million at Balongan, West Java. The depot, with a capacity of 94,300 tons, is for domestic supplies and has 10 huge oil tanks.

MOSCOW, Jan. 29 (AFP). — The Soviet tourist industry chief has complained that the USSR is getting short-changed in its travel deals with the capitalist world. The cost of services makes travel in the West very expensive for the Soviet tourist, said Mr. Sergei Nikitin who heads the Soviet Bureau for International Tourism. In a Pravda article, quoted today by the Soviet news agency Tass, Mr. Nikitin charged the West with "imposing conditions of great inequality" in its tourist exchanges with the Soviet Union.



POLICEMEN'S FUNERAL -- The anguished relative of one of the three Spanish policemen, slain in Madrid on Friday, is assisted as she leaves the funeral held at the Gomez Military Hospital, in Madrid, Saturday, (see story and photo on p. 1). (AP wirephoto).

Cambodian troops attack 3 Thai villages, kill 30

BANGKOK, Jan. 29 (R). — Hundreds of Cambodian troops raided three Thai villages during the night and killed at least 30 people, police said.

Lieut. Gen. Somphote Vilachit, Border Patrol Police chief in the area, told reporters that 21 Thais were killed in Nong Dong village alone.

He said about 500 Khmer Rouge crossed at three points. They killed eight Thais in the village of Nong Noon and razed it to the ground.

A Border Patrol policeman was killed at a defence post in a third village, he said.

The attack, near the border town of Aranyaprathet about 335 kms. east of Bangkok, was the biggest of its kind since the Communists came to power in Phnom Penh in March, 1975.

Lieut. Gen. Somphote said the Cambodians might have at-

tacked to show their presence and to test the strength of the border police in the area.

They may also have launched the assault for food, he said.

There have been consistent reports of shortages of food supplies among Cambodian troops.

"If there is no further incident Thailand will take the matter up with Cambodia through diplomatic channels," the general said.

"But if the Khmer Rouge come in again we are ready to deal with them."

An eyewitness said the Cambodians appeared to have pulled back across the frontier.

He said there had been no more firing.

The new incident was the most serious of numerous clashes between Cambodian and Thai forces along the tense frontier in recent months.

A police spokesman said the Khmer Rouge launched a simultaneous attack at three points shouting "Chaiyo" (victory).

Border Patrol Police engaged the invaders in fierce gun battles.

A Thai light military aircraft machine-gunned the attackers, the spokesman said.

At dawn, more police were flown in by helicopter.

U.K. football roundup Fifth round hopes rise for 4th div. Colchester

LONDON, Jan. 29 (R). — No fairy tales emerged from the fourth round of the English Football Association (F.A.) Cup today, but fourth-division Colchester forced giants Derby County to a replay with a dramatic late equaliser at Colchester.

Colin Garwood gave Colchester some hope of reaching the last 16 with an injury-time goal which cancelled out the first division club's slender lead, gained in the 27th minute by Derek Hales, his fourth goal in three games.

Another first division club forced to a replay by a lowly side was Everton, who drew 2-2 with third-division Swindon. Ken Stroud struck a memorable 35-yard goal in the 61st minute to inspire the Swindon fightback at home.

Holders Southampton are also not yet safe. A spate of goals by both sides midway through the second half enabled Nottingham Forest to force a 3-3 draw and a replay at Southampton.

The biggest upset of the decided fixtures was third division Chester's 1-0 home victory over second division Luton, while Burnley, another division two club, lost 2-1 to Port Vale of division three.

Northwich Victoria's dream of becoming only the third non-league club since the Second World War to reach the fifth round, was shattered when they went down 3-1 to Oldham before 28,600 spectators at Manchester City's ground.

Oldham's victory was sealed by two goals from Vic Halom, who won a cup-winner's medal with Sunderland in 1973. Young Carl Valentine scored the second division team's other goal, while Jim Collier scored a consolation goal for the northern league team.

Manchester City, meanwhile, became the first team to beat Newcastle United on their home ground, St. James Park, this season. City slammed in

three goals to United's one to maintain their challenge for a league and cup double.

First division leaders Liverpool must also hold high hopes of the double after crushing second-division Carlisle 3-0 at home, while Arsenal must have increased their cup favouritism with a convincing 3-1 home win over fellow-first division side Coventry.

In the other all-first division clashes, Manchester United relied on an early goal by Lou Macari to beat Queens Park Rangers at Old Trafford, while Leeds worked hard for their 2-1 victory at Birmingham and Aston Villa produced a late surge to beat West Ham 3-0.

West Ham, who won the coveted trophy in 1975, restricted Villa's normal attacking flow with a defensive formation. But Villa broke through in the 57th minute when John Deehan scored his first of two goals. Dennis Mortimer got the third to put the Birmingham club through in front of 47,000 delighted home fans.

In the exciting all-Wales clash, Cardiff beat Wrexham 3-2 thanks to a fine goal by John Buchanan in the last minute. David Giles and Peter Sayer had the home team ahead after 55 minutes, but Wrexham came storming back and the third division team equalised through Graham Whittle and Billy Ashcroft, in the 89th minute.

The game looked set for a replay, but Buchanan produced the winner from the kickoff.

Middlesbrough, often criticised for being too defensive, silenced their critics with a 4-0 thrashing of luckless Hereford, while Ipswich held on for an exciting 2-2 draw against Wolverhampton Wanderers, who are also chasing promotion back to division one.

The only first division match played resulted in a 1-1 draw between Norwich and Stoke.

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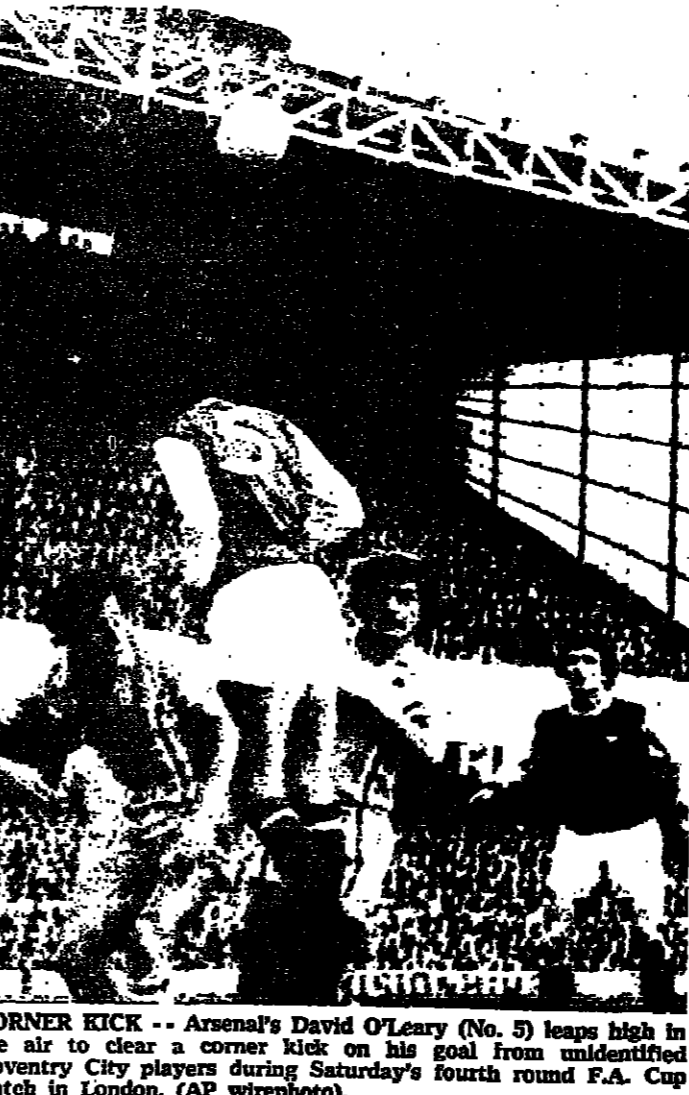
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CORNER KICK -- Arsenal's David O'Leary (No. 5) leaps high in the air to clear a corner kick on his goal from unidentified Coventry City players during Saturday's fourth round F.A. Cup match in London. (AP wirephoto).

Wave of London bombs raises fears of new IRA offensive

LONDON, Jan. 29 (R). — Fearing a new Irish guerrilla offensive, Scotland Yard drafted police reinforcements into London today following a time-bomb trail of chaos in the city's fashionable West End.

Twelve bombs went off at regularly spaced intervals during the night in shops and office buildings around Oxford Street. Seven were moderate-sized explosive charges, up to 2 kgs., and five were incendiary devices.

Nobody was hurt. But the whole area was plunged into major confusion as ever-larger squads of police rushed around from blast to blast.

Not till midday were the public allowed back into the Oxford Street area. On a Saturday morning the district is normally packed with shoppers

who were held back, fuming, for hours behind police barriers.

Though there were no immediate clues to the culprits, police sources said the Irish Republican Army (IRA) was believed almost certainly responsible. This belief was reinforced by a telephone call to a Sunday newspaper in Manchester by Amman claiming the bombs were the work of the IRA's Provisional wing.

The damage varied. One shop was gutted by an incendiary but staff at the big Selfridge's department store said the bomb that went off there did less damage than the resultant cascade from the water sprinklers.

The swiftness of the police response demonstrated a carefully prepared emergency drill. Within minutes of the first explosions just after midnight hundreds of police were swarming around the area. Many had been summoned from their homes by a pre-arranged signal.

No bombs had exploded in London since last June but two events prompted police to believe that more might be likely now. In the first place four Irishmen accused of belonging to the IRA went on trial in London last week charged with a spectacular series of murders and bombings.

In the second place tomorrow is the fifth anniversary of "Bloody Sunday" -- the day 13

Irish demonstrators died from British army gun fire in Londonderry.

In addition to calling in reinforcements, Scotland Yard set up extra guards on public buildings, strengthened the bodyguards assigned to public figures and kept watch on all travellers between England and Ireland.

The precision of last night's bombings convinced the Yard's anti-terrorist squad that they were the work of practised IRA guerrillas, police sources said.

Large scale arrests last year broke up all known IRA cells on the British mainland.

IRA leaders in Belfast have admitted in newspaper interviews that their operations in England, all part of the campaign to drive Britain out of northern Ireland, had been badly set back.

But sources said the Yard believed many "sleeper" units -- groups instructed to remain inactive until further orders -- had been set up on the mainland.

The caller to the Manchester newspaper said: "The campaign will continue throughout England until the British government announces a declaration of withdrawal of its army out of Northern Ireland."

Police were unable to say immediately whether the call was genuine.

Kreisky discusses Mideast conflict with PLO official

VIENNA, Jan. 29 (AFP). — Austrian Chancellor Bruno Kreisky discussed the Middle East conflict at a meeting here two days ago with a senior official of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) the Socialist Party disclosed today.

But the party headquarters did not confirm or deny reports that Mr. Kreisky and the PLO official, Issam Sartawi, mentioned the possibility of the Palestinian organisation opening an information office in the Austrian capital.

Mr. Kreisky has been working on a report for the Socialist International on the Middle East as a follow-up to his three fact-finding Middle East missions on behalf of the international in the past three years.

He reported a "positive and fundamental change" in the PLO's attitude to a Middle East settlement.

Andreotti postpones decision again on austerity measures

ROME, Jan. 29 (R). — Prime Minister Giulio Andreotti, under pressure from his party for firmer action to control Italy's economic crisis, has postponed for the second time in 24 hours a cabinet meeting to decide on fresh austerity measures, his aides said today.

The meeting, originally scheduled for yesterday and then shelved until Monday, will now be held until at least the end of next week, Under-Secretary Franco Evangelisti told reporters.

The postponement of government action to stem the country's 20 per cent inflation was seen here as an indicator of Signor Andreotti's growing political difficulties.

These follow a much-criticised undertaking he gave until leaders last week that he would not take further action to restrict the "escalator" system of cost-of-living related wage increases.

A brief cabinet session on Monday will deal only with minor technical adjustments to the "escalator" system, Signor Evangelisti said.

Members of Signor Andreotti's Christian Democrat Party the only group which votes in favour of the minority government in parliament, have told him they do not believe last week's agreement between employers and trade union leaders will cut labour costs.

The prime minister has decided that a delayed meeting of parliamentary leaders representing the parties which give his government tacit support should be held to discuss economic policy before the next cabinet meeting, aides said.

Press reports today said his decision to postpone Monday's cabinet meeting has given him time to find a formula to satisfy his own party and the Socialists and Communists, whose indirect support is essential for his government to survive.

Government officials have told reporters that Signor Andreotti believes he can cut high industrial labour costs by reducing employers' social security contributions and arranging for the money to come from the state instead.

Nice solar energy meet highlights Franco-Italian competition for sunny Mediterranean market

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The French organisers of the conference said all Mediterranean countries had been invited, but did not explain why no Israeli delegate was present. Israel is reputed to have a fairly advanced solar energy programme.

Neither was the United States invited to attend the meeting.

French energy expert Jean Claude Colli, who will be in charge of the permanent secretariat, denied that it or the conference had been organised for commercial purposes.

"We just want to promote the idea of developing solar energy in the Mediterranean region," he said.

"It is wrong to think we are seeking to sell French technology."

The highly technical conference examined ways to improve solar energy technology, while delegates also exchanged information on their experiments in the field.

They forecast that solar energy could for about 15 per cent of energy needs by the year 2,000 and, faced with diminishing oil supplies, called for greater efforts to harness the sun's rays.

WORLD NEWS BRIEFS

ABU DHABI, Jan. 29 (R). — The Abu Dhabi weekly newspaper Al Wathba said today Iraq had rejected Soviet approaches about creating a rival oil exporters' organisation to OPEC. Quoting authoritative diplomatic and petroleum sources, the newspaper said Iraq had refused to discuss the idea because of its concern for OPEC unity.

TET AVIV, Jan. 29 (AFP). — Because France turned down the Israeli request for the extradition of Palestinian leader Abu Dawud and released him instead, Israel may refuse to extradite businessman Sammy Flatto-Sharon wanted by France for alleged tax evasion, embezzlement and fraud. The Israeli Radio quoted today a high French Justice Ministry official as saying that the Abu Dawud affair "could have consequences on the Flatto-Sharon affair."

ADDIS ABABA, Jan. 29 (AFP). — At least one school boy was killed and several others wounded in clashes between student demonstrators and security forces here yesterday, it was reliably learnt today. The boy was shot and killed in the former Halle Selassie Elementary School in the old embassy row northeast of the capital. Four other students there, three of them girls, were also said to have been wounded by gunfire.

NEW YORK, Jan. 29 (R). — Dissident Soviet physicist Andrei Sakharov has sent a letter to President Carter through the State Department urging him to speak out on behalf of persecuted political and religious activists in the Soviet Union and Eastern Europe, the New York Times reported today.

RIYADH, Jan. 29 (R). — United Arab Emirates (UAE) Foreign Minister Ahmad Khalifeh Al Suwaidi arrived here today to continue his contacts with neighbouring Gulf states. He said his Saudi Arabian visit and last week's tour of Qatar, Bahrain and Oman were aimed at pursuing consultations and co-ordination among Gulf states.

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